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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Uzi Lev-Ami et al.

Application No. 09/935,213

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Title: **Method and Apparatus for Monitoring  
Host to Tool Communications**

Group Art Unit: 2143

Examiner: Joseph E. AVELLINO

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**Interview Request**

Sir:

Applicants request an interview with Examiner Avellino on **Wednesday, 27 July 2006**, starting at **9:30 a.m. EDT**. A WebEx invitation is being sent by e-mail along with this agenda.

The spirit of this interview is to advance the case towards allowance. The last correspondence in this case was the **Office Action mailed 5 April 2006**. Applicants would like to discuss with the Examiner the best way to advance the case towards allowance. Applicants are prepared to offer amendments after discussion of any suggestions that the Examiner may make.

During the interview, we hope to begin with the technology disclosed and also discuss:

1) The technical content of the disclosure and the Coss-George-Walker combination. Much of the ground to be covered is laid out in the prior response to office

action, which included the George and Walker reference. The current office action did not respond to our discussion of those references, instead declaring the discussion moot, even though the same references were cited again.

2) Claims 1, 16 and 22, including:

a) providing a listening device to monitor a wired communications channel between a host and tool; and

b) recording report and report trigger definitions sent by the host to the tool; and

c) matching reports to report definitions and generating a context-insensitive report from context-sensitive data.

Regarding providing a listening advice, The Examiner's attention is directed to the amended specification paragraph [0012], submitted 21 July 2005, which correctly distinguishes between software running on a removable listening device and software running on a host.

In this art, the terms "context-sensitive" and "context-insensitive" have meaning from the wording of the claims in which they are used, read in light of the specification, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 7,072,985, which issued from the application incorporated by reference, Applic. No. 09/847,937. The Examiner's proposed interpretation of "context-insensitive" (OA at 3) is offered without reference to claim wording, the specification or the art. The notion that a context-insensitive report generated from context-sensitive data would mean a report "not pertaining to the entity from which it was sent" suggests a misunderstanding of this disclosure.

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Respectfully submitted,

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